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1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT FRG PLANS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CARIBBEAN GROUP DONORS MEETING AT PARIS ON MAY 16 ONLY BY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO FRG MISSION AT PARIS. BOTH WE AND THE WORLD BANK CONSIDER THIS MEETING TO BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE COURSE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN GROUP. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF A MAJOR ECONOMIC POWER SUCH AS THE FRG WERE REPRESENTED ONLY AT A LOW LEVEL AT THIS FORMATIVE STAGE EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT EVENTUALLY DECIDE NOT TO CARRY OUT MAJOR PROGRAMS UNDER THE GROUP. WE UNDERSTAND THE JAPANESE, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAS BEEN NO MORE ACTIVE IN THE CARIBBEAN THAN THE FRG, IS SENDING A DELEGATION FROM TOKYO TO THE PARIS MEETING.

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2. ACTION: YOU SHOULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS AND URGE A HIGHER LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION OF THE FRG AT THE CARIBBEAN GROUP DONORS MEETING AT PARIS ON MAY 16, NOTING THAT WE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO ACTIVE FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE GROUP AT THIS STAGE. VANCE

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